

Amendments to the Claims:

Claim 1 is amended as set forth hereinafter.

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A focusing optic assembly comprising:
  - a focusing optic defining an optical axis;
  - a coarse drive unit for displacing said focusing optic along said axis;
  - 5       said coarse drive unit including a coarse belt drive for operatively connecting said coarse drive unit to said focusing optic;
  - a fine drive unit for displacing said focusing optic along said axis;
  - 10       said fine drive unit including a fine belt drive for operatively connecting said fine drive unit to said focusing optic;
  - a frame;
  - 15       said coarse drive unit including a coarse actuating element mounted on said frame for actuating said coarse belt drive;
  - said fine drive unit including a fine actuating element mounted on said frame for actuating said fine belt drive; and,
  - said coarse actuating element and said fine actuating element being disposed in ~~spaced relationship to~~ said frame

20     separated a distance from each other by a portion of said frame  
to preclude an inadvertent slipping from one of said actuating  
elements to the other during a manual focusing operation by a  
user of said focusing optic assembly.

2. (Original) The focusing optic assembly of claim 1, wherein  
said focusing optic is a monocular.

3. (Original) The focusing optic assembly of claim 2, wherein  
said monocular is a telescope.

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Previously Presented) The focusing optic assembly of  
claim 1, said coarse drive unit including:

    a coarse output shaft rotatably journaled in said frame;

    said coarse belt drive including a first coarse

5     direction-changing roller fixedly connected to said coarse output  
shaft so as to rotate therewith; and,

    said coarse actuating element being fixedly connected to  
said coarse output shaft so as to impart rotation thereto and to  
said first coarse direction-changing roller when actuated by an  
10     operator.

6. (Previously Presented) A focusing optic assembly comprising:  
    a focusing optic defining an optical axis;  
    a coarse drive unit for displacing said focusing optic along  
said axis;

5           said coarse drive unit including a coarse belt drive for  
operatively connecting said coarse drive unit to said focusing  
optic;

          a fine drive unit for displacing said focusing optic along  
said axis;

10           said fine drive unit including a fine belt drive for  
operatively connecting said fine drive unit to said focusing  
optic;

          a frame;

          said coarse drive unit including a coarse actuating element  
15   mounted on said frame for actuating said coarse belt drive;

          said fine drive unit including a fine actuating element  
mounted on said frame for actuating said fine belt drive;

          said coarse actuating element and said fine actuating  
element being disposed in spaced relationship to each other;

20           a coarse output shaft rotatably journaled in said frame;

          said coarse belt drive including a first coarse  
direction-changing roller fixedly connected to said coarse output  
shaft so as to rotate therewith;

          said coarse actuating element being fixedly connected to  
25   said coarse output shaft so as to impart rotation thereto and to  
said first coarse direction-changing roller when actuated by an  
operator; and,

          said fine drive unit including:

          a fine output shaft rotatably journaled in said frame;

30           said fine belt drive including a first fine  
direction-changing roller fixedly connected to said fine output  
shaft so as to rotate therewith; and,

said fine actuating element being fixedly connected to said  
fine output shaft so as to impart rotation thereto when actuated  
35 by an operator.

7. (Original) The focusing optic assembly of claim 6, said  
coarse and fine output shafts having respective ends disposed in  
said frame so as to be mutually adjacent; and, said coarse and  
fine drives being likewise arranged so as to be mutually  
5 adjacent.

8. (Original) The focusing optic assembly of claim 7, said  
coarse and fine output shafts conjointly defining a common center  
axis; and, said coarse actuating element and said fine actuating  
element being coaxial to said common center axis.

9. (Original) The focusing optic assembly of claim 8, said  
coarse and fine actuating elements being disposed one behind the  
other along said common center axis and being offset with respect  
to said optical axis.

10. (Previously Presented) The focusing optic assembly of  
claim 9, further comprising:

a threaded spindle connected to said focusing optic;

a nut threadably engaging said spindle;

5 said coarse drive unit including a second coarse  
direction-changing roller mounted on said nut so as to impart  
rotation thereto thereby moving said spindle to effect a coarse  
adjustment of said focusing optic; and, a coarse toothed belt

connecting said first and second coarse direction-changing  
10 rollers and said first and second coarse direction-changing  
rollers each having a set of outer teeth for meshing with the  
teeth of said coarse toothed belt; and,

said fine drive unit including: a second fine  
direction-changing roller mounted on said nut so as to impart  
15 rotation thereto thereby moving said spindle to effect a fine  
adjustment of said focusing optic; and, a fine toothed belt  
connecting said first and second fine direction-changing rollers  
and said first and second fine direction-changing rollers each  
having a set of outer teeth for meshing with the teeth of said  
20 fine toothed belt.

11. (Previously Presented) The focusing optic assembly of  
claim 10, further comprising a tensioning device for imparting a  
predetermined tension to each of said coarse and fine toothed  
belts.

12. (Original) The focusing optic assembly of claim 1, wherein  
said fine drive unit is configured so as to provide a positioning  
of said focus optic which is more precise by a factor of three  
than said coarse drive unit.

13. (Original) The focusing optic assembly of claim 6, wherein  
said coarse and fine output shafts are telescopically mounted one  
inside the other.

14. (Previously Presented) The focusing optic assembly of

claim 1, wherein said focusing optic is displaced over a path  
greater by a factor of three when actuating said coarse drive  
unit for the same angular movement of said coarse and fine  
5 drives.